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TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. The dismantling of the two DF stations at the Cottbus airfield (N 52/A 57) was observed on 6 December 1950. One pole, which had been removed from one of the installations, was fitted with a cross bar which had nine dipoles. (1) The terrain in line with the concrete runway was being leveled.
2. About 30 twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes fitted with in-line engines and double-rudder assemblies were parked in two rows in front of the closed hangars of the Cottbus airfield on 7 December 1950. All the planes, which were covered with canvas, had an antenna rod on top of the front section of the cabin. (2) White and red propeller hubs were noticed on some of the planes. A biplane was pushed out of a hangar about 11:50 a.m. but in spite of the good weather, there was no flying at the field from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
3. A radio tower about 10 meters high and braced on all sides was about 250 meters north of the runway at an equal distance from its eastern and western ends. (3) A radar set with ears, was located about 300 meters from the eastern end of the runway, and 250 meters north of it. Two closed trucks were seen alongside of the set, which was about 7 meters high. (1) No radio installations were seen east or west of the runway. (4)
4. Building materials ready for shipment were stored at the southern edge of the field. About 40 men were leveling the ground at the western end of the new runway. The area beside the runway was being rolled. Other construction work was not observed. To date the runway has not been provided with lighting facilities.
5. Trucks were seen at the gate of the field. (5) About 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were being trained with three medium AA guns and three AA machine guns in the northeast corner of the field. About 4 p.m. the soldiers left for the adjacent barracks installation.
6. The fuel dump north of the field was surrounded by a board fence 2 meters high and fitted with lights. (6) A watch tower about 3 meters high and mounted with a spotlight was also seen there.

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The dump was guarded by soldiers wearing blue epaulets. Several fire extinguishers, and five to seven containers with a capacity of about 4,500 liters were also seen in the area of the dump.

7. Road signs inscribed: "Attention, approaching aircraft, clearance 2 meters", were seen about 150 meters above and below the extension of the runway on the road leading along the eastern border of the field.

25X1 Comments.

- 25X1 (1) The dismantling of the two radar sets with ears was previously reported According to paragraph 3 of the report, on the following day one of the two masts was again set up approximately on the same part of the field. Nothing is known of the whereabouts of the other set.
- (2) From the number of aircraft observed at the field, it is still believed to be occupied by one bomber regiment. 25X1
- 25X1 (3) The radio tower is presumably a ground radio station of the bomber regiment.
- (4) This indicates that there are no landing beacons in the extensions of the East-West runway.
- (5) The motor vehicle numbers reported are assigned to a ground unit of the bomber regiment.
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